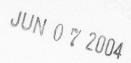
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EQIP Deadlines for Fiscal Year (FY) 2004

TO:

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Directors of the Caribbean and Pacific Basins

This letter is to advise you that all FY 2004 approved EQIP contracts, with appropriate signatures, are to be provided to the Farm Service Agency (FSA) no later than September 1, 2004. Also, please submit to National Headquarters (NHQ) by August 1, 2004, contract modification forms requiring additional funds. To ensure timely processing it is imperative that these two deadlines are met.

If you have any questions, please contact Steve Mozley, Acting National EQIP Program Manager at (202)-720-1840.

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